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**Governor McGreevey Appoints Two New Members To
New Jersey's Merit System Board**

TRENTON, NJ—Wayne resident John Currie and Aberdeen resident Flavella Branham have been appointed by Governor James E. McGreevey to New Jersey's Merit System Board. The Merit System Board is a five-member bipartisan body within New Jersey's Department of Personnel that hears and rules on appeals filed by State, county and municipal merit system employees, candidates for employment and appointing authorities.

Flavella Branham retired in 2001 as a County Correction Sergeant after a twenty-six year career with the Essex County Department of Public Safety.

John Currie, the manager of Hawthorne Chevrolet, is an active member of the community. A former lead trainer on civil rights for the Passaic County Board of Social Services, Currie now provides civil rights training for the Passaic County Police Academy. Currie also serves on the Boards of Directors of the Passaic/Clifton Young Man's Christian Association (YMCA) and the Paterson chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

"I am pleased to welcome Ms. Branham and Mr. Currie to the Merit System Board," said New Jersey Department of Personnel Commissioner Ida L. Castro, chairperson of the Merit System Board. "The Board provides an essential forum for appeals to be heard, and fair and impartial decisions to be rendered. Both of these individuals are excellent additions to this forum."

Serving on the Board with Branham and Currie are two other part-time members, Margaret E. L. Howard and Robert J. Long, each appointed to a four-year term by the Governor with the consent of the Senate.

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